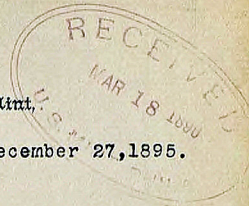


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Director of the Mint.



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No. of Inclosures,

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J. S. C.

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